

REMARKS

Status Summary

Claims 1-13 and 16-50 are pending in the present application. No claims have been added and no claims are cancelled. Therefore, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-13 and 16-50 will be pending.

Summary of Telephone Examiner Interview

Applicants' representative greatly appreciate the telephone examiner interview granted them February 15, 2011. In the telephone examiner interview, the Examiner indicated that the rejections listed in the Official Action were withdrawn. The Examiner also indicated that a further search would be needed before a Notice of Allowance is issued. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorneys, Gregory A. Hunt or Shandon Herring, at (919) 493-8000 to conduct a subsequent telephone interview to resolve any outstanding issues.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-13, 16-40, 46, 47, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,353,450 to DeLeeuw (hereinafter, "DeLeeuw") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0182358 to Rowley et al. (hereinafter, "Rowley"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As stated above, the Examiner has withdrawn the rejections listed in the Official Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are patentable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 41-45, 48, and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over DeLeeuw in view of Rowley, as applied to claims 1, 29, 47, and 49, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,278,107 to Price (hereinafter, "Price"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As stated above, the Examiner has withdrawn the rejections listed in the Official Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are patentable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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